PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners May 19, 2003 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: O. Charlie Chewning, Jr., CPA, President; Michael H. Wray, Vice President; Walter C. Davenport, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer; Leonard W. Jones, CPA; and R. Stanley Vaughan, CPA.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; Lisa R. Hearne, Manager of Communications; Ann J. Hinkle, Manager of Professional Standards; Buck Winslow, Manager of Licensing; and Noel L. Allen, Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: Jim Ahler, Executive Director, NCACPA; Tom Chenoweth, CPA, Highland Publishing Company; Curt Lee, Past President, NCSA;

CALL TO ORDER: President Chewning called the meeting to order at 10: 00 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 28, 2003, meeting were approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The financial statements for April 2003 were accepted as submitted.

Messrs. Davenport and Wray moved to approve the proposed budget for 2003-2004 (Appendix I).

LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS: The Board reviewed and discussed with Mr. Ahler his letter regarding 21 NCAC 8N .0205, *Confidentiality*. The Board referred the matter to the Professional Standards Committee for further review.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Davenport moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>200203-012 – KPMG, LLP</u> – Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II). <u>200210-065 – Steven Szer</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix III). <u>200201-006 – William R. Burrell</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IV).

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Wray moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The following were approved:

Myles Nelligan Scott Ian Taylor (partial-Auditing, LPR, and ARE)

Original Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Stephanie Ann Allen

Meredith Lanette Burleson

Youngsun Cha

Catherine Elizabeth Cole

Valerie Gail Crandall

Sarah Elizabeth Crissman

Jennifer Lynn Buller Denton

Earl Carlton Ford IV

James Arthur Fowler Jr.

Heather Rae Franklin

C. W. Grafer

Laurel Christine Hansen

Beverly Michelle Harrington

Brandon Morris Helms

Kenneth Walter Hillman Jr.

Enton Paul Hito

Troy Harding Hutchins

J. Kim Jones

Sherise Melinda Jones

John Michael Lucarelli II

Colleen Ann McPherson

Beau Alex Miller

Michael Alan Moore

Myles Nelligan

Gerald Richard Pankow Jr.

Jason Lee Rhoades

Julia Temkina

Adriane Laurel Treasure

Peter E. M. Wells

John Michael West

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Charlotte Elaine Briggs Herbert Mark Chain Charles R. Gaskins Cynthia C. Nicholson

Aguri Okura Martha Allison Roblee Kent Allen Thomas

Roy T. Van Brunt

Temporary Permits - The following temporary permits were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Denise Lingenfelter T02908

Robert Gerard Merz T02909

Theodore Louis Perrella T02910

Herman Ray T02911

Gregory A. Thompson T02912

Reissuance of New Certificate - An application for reissuance of new certificate and consent agreement submitted by Clara Jean Pinkney (#17752) was approved.

Firm Registrations - The following professional corporations and professional limited liability companies were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

GOSPODAREK, C.P.A., P.A.
HAYES, NELTNER & SCHMIDT, P.C.
Gregory G. Holsinger, CPA, PLLC
KEVIN B. LAUDER, CPA, PA
Joseph R. Milane, CPA, PA
Paul Scheible, CPA, PLLC
DENISE W. VAUGHAN, CPA, PC

SQR Matters - The firm James D. Petersen Jr. CPA (#26550) submitted a termination notice more than 60 days but less than 120 days after the deadline. Staff recommended referral to the Professional Standards Committee. The Committee approved staff recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Wray and moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director O. Charlie Chewning, Jr., CPA

President

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CPA EXAMINERS

2003-2004 BUDGET

	2002-03 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	2002-03 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET	REF.
REVENUES	1,661,950	1,609,872	1,658,005	Α
AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FROM FUND BALANCES FOR PURCHASE OF THE BUILDING				
RENTAL INCOME	50,075	50,225	51,658	
AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FROM RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE FOR FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT	20,000 1,732,025	507 1,660,604	20,000 1,729,663	
EXPENDITURES				
PERSONNEL BOARD & LEGAL OFFICE EXAMINATION PUILDING NDED DEPRECIATION (CURRENT ASSETS) FIXED ASSET PURCHASES FUNDED DEPRECIATION (NEW PURCHASES)	724,752 224,939 225,075 370,264 107,774 33,077 20,000 4,000	647,388 184,447 190,910 342,833 65,554 33,212 507 101	804,654 221,882 223,015 351,050 74,536 29,281 20,000 4,000	B C D E F
EXCESS (LOSS) REVENUE	22,144	195,652	1,245	

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2003-2004 REVENUE BUDGET

J.	2002-03 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	2002-03 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET
EXAM APPLICATION FEES			
INITIAL	199,500 (798)	183,500 (734)	187,750 (751)
REEXAMINATION	413,250 (1,653)	419,000 (1,676)	424,750 (1,699)
PROCTORED	6,400	4,880	5,280
	619,150	607,380	617,780
EXAM REVIEW FEES	2,000	450	2,000
EQUIVALENCY EXAM FEES	0	50	100
GRADE TRANSFER FEES	300_	300	300
	2,300	800	2,400
CERTIFICATE FEES			
INITIAL	33,750 (450)	34,425 (459)	37,500 (500)
RECIPROCAL	18,750 (250)	16,650 (222)	21,250 (150/200)
RENEWALS	819,750 (16,395)	801,600 (16,032)	835,000 (16,700)
REINSTATEMENTS	3,7 <u>50</u> (50)	3,675_(49)	3,750 (50)
	876,000	856,350	897,500
FIRM REGISTRATIONS			
PARTNERSHIPS	22,500	25,520	22,500
PC INITIAL	3,750 (75)	4,650 (93)	3,750
PC RENEWAL	<u>20,000</u> (800)	<u>21,575</u> (863)	21,575
	46,250	51,745	47,825
SQR REGISTRATIONS			
STATE SQR	<u>750</u> (10)	1,050 (14)	0
	750	1,050	0
MAILING LABELS/LISTS	26,000	25,351	25,000
INTEREST	90,000	65,536	66,000
OTHER	1,500	1,660	1,500
	117,500	92,547	92,500
	1 661 050	1,609,872	1,658,005
	1,661,950	1,009,072	1,000,000

2003-2004 PERSONNEL EXPENSE

/	2002-03 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	2002-03 ESTIMATED <u>ACTUAL</u>	2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET	REF.
FULL TIME STAFF	495,084	460,279	561 ,556	
PART TIME STAFF	11,168	12,697	13,104	
TAXES - FICA	38,728	34,971	42,959	
RETIREMENT - CONTRIBUTIONS	29,705	27,593	33,693	
RETIREMENT - NCLB ADMIN FEE	1,000	1,005	1,000	
INSURANCE - HEALTH	103,428	81,380	112,393	
STAFF CPE	3,600	782	3,600	
STAFF TRAVEL	37,039	27,320	34,349	B1
INTEROFFICE EXPENSE	2,000	1,361	2,000	
	721,752	647,388	804,654	

2003-2004 STAFF TRAVEL EXPENSE

)	MTGS.	STAFF	<u>DAYS</u>	RATE	
NASBA MEETINGS					
ANNUAL	1	2	5	900/350/225/50	4,900
REGIONAL	1	2	3	199/395/150/50	1,993
ADMINISTRATORS	1	6	4	250/450/185/50	9,840
COMMITTEE	4	1	1	200/ /150/50	1,600
CPE	1	1	2	/350/150/50	1,100
NCACPA MEETINGS ANNUAL	1	1	4	/450/219/50	1,526
OTHER MEETINGS PROFESSIONAL BOARD VEHICLE					1,500 11,890
TOTAL MEETING EXPENSE - B					34,349

2003-2004 BOARD & LEGAL EXPENSE

ĵ	2002-03 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	2002-03 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET	REF.
PER DIEM	33,800	32,950	32,900	C1
BOARD TRAVEL	56,889	40,557	59,732	C2
CLERICAL REIMBURSEMENT	1,750	1,063	1,750	
LEGAL COUNSEL FEES - REGULAR	25,000 117,439	<u>23,638</u> 98,208	25,000 119,382	
LEGAL COUNSEL FEES - PROF. STANDARD	100,000	85,956	100,000	
LEGAL COUNSEL FEES - LITIGATION	5,000	0	0	
INVESTIGATION COST	5,000	3,458	5,000	
COURT REPORTER FEES/LEGAL ADVERTIS	5 2,500	1,430	2,500	
REIMBURSEMENTS	(5,000) 107,500	(4,605) 86,239	(5,000) 102,500	
	224,939	184,447	221,882	

2003-2004 PER DIEM EXPENSE

)		PER DIEM	BOARD MEMBERS	DAYS	AMOUNT
CPA EXAMINATION MAY NOVEMBER		100 100	2 2	2 2	400 400
		TOTAL EXAM - E			800
REGULAR MEETINGS	(12)	100	7	2	16,800
NCACPA ANNUAL MEETING		100	4	5	2,000
NASBA ANNUAL MEETING REGIONAL		100 100	7 7	5 4	3,500 2,800
COMMITTEE CPE		100 100 100	3	72 2	7,200 600
\rightarrow		TOTAL MEETINGS - C			32,900

2003-2004 BOARD TRAVEL EXPENSE

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS	NO. MTGS.	BOARD MEMBERS	DAYS	RATE	AMOUNT
HOTEL	12	5	1	9 5	5,700
MEALS	12	5	1	40	2,400
TRAVEL	12	5		105	6,300
					14,400
NCACPA ANNUAL MEETING					.
HOTEL MEALS		4	4	219	3,504
TRAVEL		4 4	3	50	600
REGISTRATION		4		250 450	1,000
HEGISTRATION		4		450	1,800
NASBA ANNUAL MEETING					6,904
HOTEL		7	5	225	7,875
MEALS		7	5	50	1,750
TRAVEL		7		900	6,300
REGISTRATION		7		350	2,450
					18,375
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NASBA REGIONAL MEETING HOTEL		_	•	450	0.450
MEALS		7 7	3 3	150	3,150
TRAVEL		7	3	50	1,050
REGISTRATION		7		199	1,393
TEGISTIATION		/		395	2,765 8,358
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NASBA COMMITTEE MEETING				·	
HOTEL	7	1	4	150	4,200
MEALS	7	1	4	50	1,400
TRAVEL	7	1	2	190	2,660
					8,260
NASBA CPE CONF.					
HOTEL		0	0	450	000
MEALS	•	3 3	2 2	150 50	900 300
TRAVEL		3	2	350	1,050
REGISTRATION		3 3		395	1,185
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					0,400
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					59,732

2003-2004 OFFICE EXPENSE

)	2002-03 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	2002-03 ESTIMATEDACTUAL	2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET	R <u>ef</u> .
OFFICE DECORATIONS	750	160	500	
EQUIPMENT RENT	1,000	1,016	1,000	
PRINTING	50,500	48,657	50,500	
POSTAGE	97,500	84,969	97,500	
SUPPLIES	13,750	10,516	13,750	
TELEPHONE	12,500	6,485	12,500	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,000	3 ,985	5,000	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	10,300	5 ,355	9,000	
CLIPPING SERVICE	1,000	1,018	1,000	
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE	1,500	0	1,250	
DUES	6,775	7,005	7,005	
SURANCE	4,500	3 ,828	4,500	
MISCELLANEOUS	300	0	300	
AUDIT FEES	5,300	7,010	7,010	
CREDIT CARD FEES	12,000	9,737	11,000	
PAYROLL SERVICE	1,400	1,169	1,200	
	225,075	190,910	223,015	

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2003-2004 EXAMINATION EXPENSE

)	2002-03 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	2002-03 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET	REF.
PROCTOR WAGES	31,746	30,321	23,810	
PROCTOR TRAVEL	8,988	9,060	6,795	
GRADING	262,240	241,154	263,664	
EXAM SITE RENT - NET	41,000	36,463	30,750	
TEMPORARY EXAM STAFF	1,490	1,724	1,118	
HOSPITALITY	450	391	338	
EXAM POSTAGE	10,500	11,168	12,500	
EXAM STAFF TRAVEL	4,000	5,700	4,275	
BOARD PER DIEM	1,000	1,200	800	C1
BOARD TRAVEL	1,000	1,367	1,250	
AM SUPPLIES	2,750	1,040	1,750	
EXAM PRINTING	5,000	3,245	4,000	
	370,164	342,833	351,050	

2003-2004 BUIDLING EXPENSE

<i>}</i>	2002-03 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	2002-03 ESTIMATED ACTUAL	2003-04 PROPOSED <u>BUDGET</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	500	2,018	1,000
ELECTRICITY	13,657	14,109	14,109
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1,300	1,800	2,200
HEAT & AIR MAINTENANCE	1,072	268	1,200
IMPROVEMENTS	79,372	37,505	46,054
INSURANCE	786	953	953
JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE	8,512	6,781	6,700
TRASH COLLECTION	842	835	835
WATER & SEWER	172	176	176
SECURITY	1,361	1,109	1,109
PEST CONTROL	200	0	200
)	107,774	65,554	74,536

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200203-012

IN THE MATTER OF: KPMG LLP Respondent firm

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41 and 150B-22, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

- 1. Respondent KPMG LLP (hereinafter "Respondent firm") is a licensed certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent firm performed an audit for a North Carolina university that was provided by the university to the United States Department of Education (Department of Education).
- 3. In a review, the Department of Education found that Respondent firm had failed to properly perform audit procedures relating to federal cash management requirements as set forth in OMB Circular A-133, Government Auditing Standards, and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.
- 4. Respondent firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.
 - BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:
- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent firm's conduct as set out above constitutes violations of NCGS 93-12 (9)e and 21 NCAC 8N .0403 and .0405.

Consent Order - 2 KPMG LLP

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondent firm agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent firm shall ensure that all CPA staff in Respondent firm's Greensboro office, who work on or perform audits of universities and colleges, complete at least a one (1) hour continuing professional education class on cash management.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 30 DAY OF April 2003.

KPMG LLP
Respondent Firm

BY: Long W. Amon
Supervising C/A

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 19th DAY OF May
2003.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BOARD SEAL

BY: O. Charle Chewring

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200210-065

IN THE MATTER OF: Steven Szer, #23804 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41 and 150B-22, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

- 1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 23804 as a Certified Public Accountant. Respondent is also licensed as a CPA by the South Carolina Board of Accountancy where he has his principle place of business.
- 2. In February of 2003, Respondent pled guilty in South Carolina to six (6) counts of forgery of less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and three (3) counts of forgery of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). An essential element of each crime is dishonesty, deceit, or fraud.
- 3. Respondent was sentenced to five (5) years in prison for the six (6) counts of forgery of less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and ten (10) years in prison for the three (3) counts of forgery of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). However, the five (5) and ten (10) year prison sentences were suspended except for a ninety (90) day active prison sentence and Respondent was placed on probation for five (5) years. Also, Respondent was sentenced to paying restitution in the amount of \$40,993.17.
- 4. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.
 - BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:
- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina

Consent Order - 2 Steven Szer

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Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

- 2. Respondent's forgeries with intent to defraud his client are violations of NCGS 93-12 (9) and 21 NCAC 8N .0201 and 8N .0203.
- 3. Respondent's convictions of nine (9) counts of forgery are violations of NCGS 93-12 (9)b and 21 NCAC 8N .0201, 8N .0203, and 8N .0204.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

DAY OF APRIL

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Steven Szer, is hereby permanently revoked.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

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BOARD SEAL

President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: 200201-006

IN THE MATTER OF: William R. Burrell, #10824 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41 and 150B-22, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

- 1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 10824 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. For the income tax years 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993, Respondent failed to timely file and timely pay State income taxes.
- 3. Respondent was audited by the North Carolina Department of Revenue in 1997 and received Notice of Proposed Assessment for taxes, penalties, and interest for the income tax years referenced in Finding #2.
- 4. During the period 1996 through 2000, Respondent failed to timely file and timely pay State income taxes.
- 5. In December of 2001, Respondent was arrested for failure to file and pay said State income taxes.
- 6. Prior to going to trial on this matter, Respondent filed and paid said State income taxes. Respondent was due refunds from State Revenue for each of the years except 2000.
- In January of 2002, Respondent plead guilty to and was convicted of willfully failing to file a state income tax return, a Class 1 misdemeanor, for the years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000. Respondent was sentenced to forty-five (45) days in custody, which was suspended, and he was placed on eighteen (18) months of unsupervised probation. In addition, Respondent was required to perform one hundred (100) hours of community service, to pay a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) fine, and to pay the costs of court.
- 8. During this same period, Respondent failed to file and pay Federal income taxes for the years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000. Respondent owed Federal income tax in each of these years with the taxes totaling \$19,143.00.

Consent Order - 2 William R. Burrell

- 9. Respondent has been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that he owes interest and penalties of \$2,090.00 for 1999 and interest and penalties of \$3,374.00 for 2000.
- 10. Respondent contends that he did not intentionally violate North Carolina's accountancy laws and rules and that none of his acts or omissions resulted in harm to his clients. Respondent also contends and has some evidence showing that during the relevant periods of time, he encountered some significant financial and business hardships that occurred in the context of his efforts to help friends and were beyond his control.
- 11. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board exparte, whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of NCGS 93-12 (9) e and 21 NCAC 8N .0201, .0202 (a), .0203 (b)(1), .0204 (c), .0207, and .0208 (b).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

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